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CAUSE NO. 2024-34589

| COAST TO COAST TITLE, LLC, SOL CITY TITLE, LLC, MAGNOLIA TITLE ARKANSAS, LTD., MAGNOLIA TITLE FLORIDA, LLC, THE PEABODY BULLDOG, LLC, AND JOHN MAGNESS | \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ | IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF |
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| v. | § § | HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS |
| TYRELL L. GARTH, PHILLIP H. | § § | |
| CLAYTON, DEBBIE MERRITT A/K/A | § | |
| DEBORAH MERRITT, MATTHEW | § | |
| D. HILL, CHARLES BURNS, P. | § | |
| GARRETT CLAYTON, SCOTT M. | § | |
| REEVES, ARIANE E. YOUNG, | § | |
| TINGLEMERRITT, LLP STARREX | § | |
| TITLE FLORIDA, LLC, LAURIE | § | |
| COOPER, MARKETSTREET | § | |
| CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, | § | |
| MARKETSTREET CAPITAL | § | |
| PARTNERS AR, LLC, AND BRIAN | § | |
| A. BREWER | § | 11 TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT |

<u>DEFENDANT LAURIE COOPER'S ORIGINAL ANSWER (SUBJECT TO SPECIAL APPEARANCE)</u>

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, Defendant Laurie Cooper and, subject to her special appearance filed in this cause, files her Original Answer as follows:

I. GENERAL DENIAL

1. Defendant asserts a general denial as authorized by Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 92 and generally denies all the allegations contained in Plaintiffs' Original Petition. Defendant respectfully requests that Plaintiffs be required to prove the charges and allegations contained in their petition by a preponderance of the evidence where applicable, or higher burden of proof when required by law.

- 2. Defendant asserts the defenses of estoppel and waiver.
- Defendant pleads the limitation on exemplary damages found in TEX. CIV. PRAC.& REM. CODE §§ 41.004, and 41.007-41.008, and the right to a bifurcated trial.
- 4. The filing of the answer subject to the special appearance does not waive the challenge to personal jurisdiction. Tex. R. Civ. P. 120a(1); *Dawson-Austin v. Austin*, 968 S.W.2d 319, 323 (Tex. 1998).
 - 5. Defendant requests a trial by jury.

II. PRAYER

6. Defendant prays that this Court deny the relief sought by Plaintiffs and that Plaintiffs take nothing.

Respectfully submitted,

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